

CHRISTMAS IN THE CHURCHES

OBSERVANCE YESTERDAY WAS VERY GENERAL.

In the Greater Number of Churches of the City the Festival of the Birth of the Saviour was Observed Yesterday—The Services Were Enriched by the Rendition of Musical Programmes of Unusual Excellence—Churches Were Also Very Lavishly Decorated.

The glorious festival of Christmas was celebrated yesterday in a large majority of the Christian churches of the city with wonderful feasts of song and instrumental music. In most instances there was special music both morning and evening, but the evening programmes were the most elaborate. All the central city churches were well filled and only the disagreeable weather prevailing at night prevented them from being crowded.

The Christmas praise service last night at the Elm Park church, given under the direction of J. Alfred Pennington, surpassed any ever previously given in a church famous for musical programmes. Prof. Pennington is generally recognized as one of the foremost musicians in the city and he added new laurels to his crown by last night's service, for the success of which he had labored for weeks.

In addition to the Elm Park quartette, consisting of Miss Elizabeth Thomas, Miss Helen Schramm, Philip Warren and Alfred Wooler, there were eight other singers, as follows: Mrs. W. B. Bunnell, Mr. James E. Heckel, Miss Mabel Colvin, Miss Margaret Hughes, David Davis, Morris Thomas, Edward Bowen and Henry Evans.

Mr. Pennington himself presided at the organ, while his assistant, Hu T. Huffmaster, accompanied on the piano. Frederick H. Wilminger was the violinist, and in the far end of the church in the balcony was a brass quartette, consisting of Allan Lawrence, W. C. Ott, John Jay and Philip Chiara.

The programme was a most varied one and consisted of old English carols and a number of delightful Christmas anthems, with several solos, duets and congregational hymns interspersed. It was rendered with splendid effect by the trained singers of the quartette and chorus. There was a tenor solo, "The Glad Tidings," sung by Alfred Wooler in his remarkably clear and clean-cut tenor voice, and a soprano solo, with violin, piano and organ accompaniment, by Miss Thomas, whose resonant and mellow soprano voice has few equals in the city.

Miss Schramm had an alto solo, "Bethlehem," and Mr. Warren's robust bass voice was heard to good advantage in a solo, "The New-Born King." He and Miss Thomas gave also a duet, "O Come, Emmanuel," which was one of the best numbers on the programme. Perhaps the part song most enjoyed was "The Manger," "Throne," an old English carol, which seemed to breathe of the very spirit of Christmas joy and happiness.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, gave a brief address, telling of some of the many gifts which the modern method of celebrating Christmas. He said the thing he liked best about Christmas was the fact that it was the great democratic festival, a feast day and a day of happiness for every one. He took occasion to condemn in no mincing manner the custom of prevailing of giving Christmas gifts to persons simply because the person giving them had received presents in the past from those same persons. He thought the English idea of simply sending out Christmas cards and the custom of greeting was one which could be copied with profit in this country.

First Presbyterian.
The Christmas services at the First Presbyterian church were attended by two large congregations. The Christmas music, in charge of the capable and experienced director, J. T. Watkins, has never been surpassed at this church. A chorus of twenty-five voices, well drilled and thoroughly disciplined, gave an excellent account of itself. The attack, precision, blending of voices and clear conception which always marks Mr. Watkins' readings were easily discernible in the beautiful singing of the superb chorus.

The various anthems are among the best it has been our privilege to listen to. Both morning and evening congregations were delighted with the good music, and were loud in their praises of the work of Mr. Watkins. The solo quartette were heard to advantage and seemed to be in splendid voice. It was a pleasure to hear Mr. Will Watkins' resonant and vibrant voice sing a solo at the evening service.

Second Presbyterian.
At the Second Presbyterian church there was a splendid service given in the evening by the choir, under the direction of Professor J. M. Chance, the efficient musical director. Miss Susie Buck was heard in a solo from Dudley Buck's cantata, "The Coming of the King," and never was her wonderfully powerful soprano voice heard to better advantage.

Tom Gippel rendered Neidlinger's "The Eastern Star" in a splendid manner, while Ralph Williams sang Shelley's "O'er the Hills of Bethlehem" in a faultless style. Miss Garagan had an alto solo and it was especially suited

to her deep and powerful voice. There were a number of anthems sung and also selections for the quartette.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Charles E. Robinson, preached a most beautiful sermon on the spirit of Christmas and how it entered into every corner of the Christian world. He advised those present to take down Dickens' "Christmas Carols" from their book shelves and permeate themselves by reading it with the Yuletide spirit of good cheer.

Providence Presbyterian.
Pretty decorations about the altar and choir loft, large congregations and a choice selection of Christmas music, rendered with exceptional excellence, characterized the Christmas services at the Providence Presbyterian church yesterday. At the morning service the Bible school, under the direction of Superintendent H. H. McKeehan, occupied a body in the center and front section of the beautiful audience room.

The presence of so many young people formed in itself an inspiration. The chief interest of the occasion gathered around and found happy expression in the special music by the fine choir of that church, led by C. F. Whittemore. The baritone solo, "The New-Born King," was sung with charming effect and brought to the effort the smooth and sympathetic qualities of voice for which Floyd Heberling is becoming greatly appreciated.

The tenor solo, "The Christ Child," was sung by Joshua John with the fervor and brilliancy which so characterizes the sacred work of this conscientious vocalist. In the alto solo and anthem, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," the sentiment of which was written by the late Phillips Brooks, was brought out in a rich and pleasing way by Mrs. Frank Norton, who is always so much in favor with this congregation. Mrs. Norton was beautifully supported by the choir, who entered so thoroughly into sympathy with thought so touchingly expressed.

Owing to a severe cold, Miss Phoebe Smith was obliged to omit the solo "Bethlehem," but the loss was amply compensated for by her true rendering of the solo and obligato in the magnificent anthem, "O Holy Night," as arranged by Dudley Buck, where her bright and brilliant soprano stood out in strong contrast to the well modulated and rich accompaniment of the full choir.

The greater burden of the day, which falls upon the organist, was ably sustained and carried forward by Mrs. McDonald, the painstaking organist of the church.

Rev. Dr. Guild spoke briefly in the morning on the Saviour, and in the evening on the Christmas thought. At the close of the service last evening the desire was expressed that the music might be repeated some Sabbath in the near future.

Penn Avenue Baptist Church.
Yesterday's services at the Penn Avenue Baptist church were among the most successful special services ever conducted in this city. The church was beautifully decorated, slender fir trees and cheerful holly giving the pulpit an air entirely symbolical of the Christmas season.

In the evening a painting of the Christ-child, the center of a throng of loving children, looked down upon the congregation from on high. A festoon of greens and about its frame and the effect produced was one not easily forgotten.

The singing of the choir throughout the day was admirable. Mrs. Frank Brundage's fine, clear voice being heard in most of the solo work. The choir was well marked by Dr. Pierce's sermon on "The Christmas Immortals." It was an eloquent, logical address and carried conviction with it.

The afternoon was devoted to a children's service. The members of the Bible school rendered the following Christmas selections: "Wake, O Earth," "Our King Has Come," "O, Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus," "Shout Auld in Wildest Joy," "Tis The Christmas Joy and the choir sang "Power More."

Recitations and musical numbers were given by several members of the school and an emblematic service, written for the occasion by the pastor, Dr. Pierce, was one of the features of the entertainment.

Twenty young ladies, assisted by the choir and Miss Clara Browning, pianist, represented a number of Christian maidens who had received the light of truth. Another company of young women enacted the roles of girls still in the northern darkness, but seeking the true light. A splendid effect was produced at the conclusion of this service, when the Christian maidens point out the guiding star to the willing converts.

The star was on high, a large white device studded with electric lights and at a given time streamers of ribbon are flung forth from this, accompanied by electric rays, representing the light being diffused by the first band of Christians.

At last night's service Dr. Pierce spoke on the interesting topic, "Following the Star, or the Modern Wise Men." In the course of his sermon he told of the fourth wise man who set forth to visit the infant Lord, taking along three priceless jewels as homage. He traces the way, however, to do an act of kindness here and correct a wrong there. He finds himself at last far from his destination, his treasures gone, given away to alleviate human suffering, and, weary and foot-sore, he falls, never to rise no more, but in his last moments finds Christ in the manger.

All three of yesterday's services were well attended.

Other Churches.
At the Grace English Lutheran church there were special programmes of congregational music rendered both morning and after, with a special Christmas sermon by the pastor, Rev. Luther Hess Waring, in the morning. He took his text from Matt. 11: 2: "Where is He that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship him."

Holy Trinity Lutheran church, corner Mulberry street and Adams avenue, was most beautifully decorated yesterday. The special feature was the music, which was rendered by the choir in a most excellent manner; also a duet, "The Lord Is My Shepherd," by Miss Bessie Shive and David Davis, which was expressively sung. E. R. Protheroe, organist and director.

Von Buelow Gets the Black Eagle.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Berlin, Dec. 23.—This afternoon Emperor Wilhelm, accompanied by the Crown Prince, von Buelow and personally conferred upon him the insignia of the Order of the Black Eagle.

Zeppelin and His Airship.
By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.
Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Zeppelin airship, which will soon address the German Colonial society upon the prospects of utilizing his airship.

CARBONDALE.

Fell Township Democrats.

The Democrats of Fell township held a meeting in the Simpson town hall, Saturday night, for the purpose of registering the names of those who wish to be candidates for the various township offices, to be filled at the election in February. The customary exciting time was experienced, and it was with no small effort that the chairman, John Mooty, preserved order. Joseph Burns was the secretary. The meeting decided to hold the nominating caucus on Monday evening, December 31, from 4 to 8 p. m. John Mooty, Joseph Burns, Michael Howard, James Curley, Peter Healy and Michael Tierney were elected to preside at the polls. A fee of fifty cents was exacted from each man who registered as a candidate. The following are the offices to be elected: Two supervisors, two school directors, one poor director, one assessor, one treasurer, one town clerk, one auditor, and election officers for each of the three districts.

The following candidates for nominations were recorded:
For Town Clerk—John Dolan, Thomas Kennedy.
For Auditor—Daniel Lynch, John Toland, Peter Dougherty.
For Treasurer—Andrew Moran, Akam Hamryn.

For Assessor—Frank Sterling.
For Poor Director—Thomas Kinney, Michael Snee, Barney Tommski.

For School Directors—Edward Healy, Thomas Crogan, James Heenan, Martin Mullarky.

For Supervisor—Robert Walker, John Ledger, Daniel Healy, Patrick McCarty, John Heenan.

Methodist Music.

Special musical programmes were rendered at both morning and evening services at the First Methodist Episcopal church yesterday under the direction of Prof. W. D. Evans, the chorister. The choir was assisted by Mrs. George H. Ackerman and Leon By. The music had been thoroughly practiced and its rendition was almost faultless. The pastor, Rev. A. F. Chaffee, preached, both morning and evening, on subjects appropriate to the occasion. The Sunday school will hold its Christmas celebration on Tuesday evening, when Charles H. Gabriel's cantata, "The Prophet of Nazareth," will be given. It is a pretty piece and as the children have been rehearsing it for some time, it will no doubt be a very interesting production.

A Christmas Dinner.

The members of the Episcopal and First Congregational churches will tomorrow provide a Christmas dinner for the patients at Emergency hospital and any persons who can donate supplies are requested to leave them this afternoon at the Sunday school room of either of the above-named churches. As the cause is a most worthy one, there should be a generous response to the appeal. On Thanksgiving Day the Presbyterian and Methodist churches provided a bounteous repast and the remaining churches will donate one on New Year's Day. The inmates, it is needless to say, enjoy these dinners very much. The ladies who have charge of the work would appreciate the gift of some flowers, also.

Mr. Walker Dead.

John J. Walker, of South Washington street, one of the most respected residents of the city, died this afternoon after an illness of several months' duration. He was up to the time of his sickness, foreman of the machine shops at Mayfield yard. Mr. Walker is survived by his five children as follows: J. J. Walker, of Forest City; Emmett J. Walker, Agnes and Madeline Walker, of this city. The funeral announcement will be made later.

Attended a Funeral.

Among those who attended the funeral of the late Mrs. Milton Lawrence in Bethany were: Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brink, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Peter Herman, of Mayfield; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Shay, of Mrs. C. M. Brink, of Binghamton, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bate, of Forest City.

A Child Dead.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Swannick, of upper Powderly road, are mourning the death of their son, Patrick Joseph, who died early yesterday morning, aged 2 years, 8 months and 17 days. Interment will be made this afternoon in St. Rose's cemetery.

An Engine Amuck.

A locomotive ran amuck at the D. & H. round house yesterday and crashed into one of the walls, doing considerable damage. Albert E. Huddy was the hostler in charge of it.

Holiday Penitents.

Arthur Williams, of Scranton, spent yesterday in town.
Charles McIntire, of Schenectady, N. Y., is visiting relatives in town.
Miss Mary Gilligan, of New York city, will spend Christmas with Carbondale relatives.

Mrs. Robert Baird, of Belmont street, will spend Christmas with relatives in New York state.
Miss Joe Burr, who has been visiting in New York city for the past few weeks, has returned home.

Miss May Biss, of New York city, is home for the holidays, visiting her parents on Washington street.
Mrs. T. J. McTigue and three children, of Atlantic City, are visiting at the home of Mrs. John Clune, on Dunduff street.

Samuel Burritt, of Unadilla, a brother of Mrs. G. Frank Couch, was in Carbondale yesterday visiting with Mrs. Couch.
Miss Bess Millard, of Elmira, is expected to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Millard, on Belmont street.

MOSCOW.

Orin Travis, of the Stroudsburg Normal school, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Travis.

The remains of Timothy Foley, of this place, were found on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad track, near the residence of E. N. Swarts, Wednesday night. He is supposed to have been hit by the passenger train which passes through here at 8:22 p. m. The remains were brought to the station here and taken in charge by Undertaker G. S. Brown. Interment was made in St. Mary's cemetery.

P. T. Martin, of Wyoming seminary, is spending the holidays here.
Miss Grace Burns, of Scranton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Horace Jones. Christmas exercises were held in the

Moscow graded school on Friday afternoon. The pupils carried out their parts very nicely and with much credit to their teachers.

C. W. Bourn called on his daughter, Mrs. Wallace Swarts, of Scranton, Friday.

Christmas tree exercises will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church of this place on Christmas evening, under the auspices of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Eschleman has home-made bread for sale at Mrs. Pelton's store.

JERMYN AND MAYFIELD.

Fred Green, an Ontario and Western conductor, died at his home at Mayfield yesterday morning under peculiarly sudden circumstances. Deceased on Saturday evening, when he reached home, told his wife that he felt very tired. Yesterday morning Mrs. Green arose and went down stairs to prepare breakfast and a short time after returned to call her husband. He failed to respond to her call and as she entered the bedroom he gave a heavy groan. She at once saw that something serious was the matter, but before she was able to obtain assistance the deceased expired. The dead man was 32 years of age and is survived by his wife and two young children. He has resided at Mayfield for the past seven years and his death gave his many friends a severe shock. The funeral will take place tomorrow morning. Services will be held at the house at 10 o'clock, after which the remains will be taken to his former home in Jackson county, N. Y., for interment.

The funeral of the late Patrick Bergan, of this place, took place on Saturday morning. The respect in which the deceased was held was manifested in the large attendance, the cortege being unusually large. The remains were taken to Sacred Heart church, where Rev. Father Caronody, the assistant rector of the church, celebrated a requiem mass and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon in which he justly referred to the many virtues of the dead man, who was a most devout member of the church. The pall bearers were E. H. Collins, Hugh Brady, Michael Farrell and Robert Roe. A large number of Heptasops, of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Lucy Wheeler, of this town, and Mr. Charles Snyder, of Port Jervis, N. Y. The interesting ceremony will take place at the home of the bride's parents, on Second street, on Christmas Day.

Contractor C. L. Bell and son, Clyde; Edwin Mellow, Samuel Sampson, Harry Snyder and Henry Moore, are home from New Orange, N. J. to spend the holidays with their friends.

The usual Christmas Day services will be held in St. James Episcopal and Sacred Heart churches tomorrow morning. At the former there will be celebration of Holy Communion at 7:30 and 10:30 o'clock. At the Sacred Heart church there will be three masses, the first beginning at 6 o'clock.

The strike of the motormen and conductors of the street car line caused a complete stoppage of the road at its end yesterday. There are a number of silk mill employes and others whose work is at Carbondale, who will hope for a speedy settlement of the trouble, as the stoppage of the cars will be a most great inconvenience to them.

Mr. James C. Conroy, of Sharon, Pa., is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Morcom, sr., of Third street, with whom he will probably make his home.

Prof. and Mrs. H. N. Barrett are spending the holidays at Lakesia, Susquehanna county.

OLYMPHANT.

Patrick O'Malley, an old and respected resident of this place, passed away at the home of his brother, James O'Malley, on Dunmore street, at 6 o'clock, after an illness of only a few hours of pneumonia. Deceased was born in Westport, Ireland, and was 76 years of age. During his residence in town he made a large number of friends by his many estimable qualities. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be made in St. Patrick's cemetery.

Mrs. Mary Nicholls returned home Saturday, after spending eight months with relatives in Yorkshire, England.

In the Blakely Baptist church yesterday was made memorable for the deeply interesting services. Fine audiences were in attendance. The music, by a choir of twenty voices, was superb. The sermons by Dr. Spencer were full of the Christmas spirit and were listened to with the closest attention. The Sunday school was the largest of the entire year. Tomorrow evening the members of the school will have their Christmas festival and an enjoyable time is in store for all. This church has certainly taken on new life, and the year just closing has been one of the most successful in its entire history. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Spencer, and his noble-hearted people have worked hard and are to be congratulated on the achievements to the present time.

At the Presbyterian church a special programme of music was rendered by the choir at both services yesterday, and the members of the school, as directed by Rev. B. F. Hammond, the pastor.

Rev. Father Hanley, of the Redemptorist Order, of Brooklyn, will celebrate mass at the 10:30 service in St. Patrick's church tomorrow morning. He will also deliver the sermon in the evening. Father Hanley will deliver a lecture at the Father Mathew Opera House. The programme will include choice numbers by the juvenile choir, orchestra, and the St. Patrick's choir. Admission, 25 cents.

T. H. Evans, of New York, is spending a few days with relatives in town. On Saturday evening, in the Blakely Baptist church, the Boy's Brigade presented their drill master, John D. Bolton, a beautiful silver mounted candelabra, in appreciation of his patient and constant efforts for their efficiency. Rev. Dr. Spencer made the presentation speech. Mr. Bolton responded, expressing his appreciation of the kindly token.

Miss Louise Brown, of Albany, is a guest at the Mahon House.
S. L. McCabe has gone to Palentine Bridge, N. Y., to spend Christmas.

Peter L. Walsh is home from Harvard university to spend Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. McHale are visiting the latter's parents at Elmira, N. Y.

Andrew Farrell, of Boston, Mass., is spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Farrell, of Dunmore street.

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TAYLOR.

The funeral of the late Edward E. Taylor was held Saturday at the family residence on Taylor street. The esteem in which the deceased was held was amply testified by the large number attending the obsequies. The remains rested in a beautiful casket in the parlor of the residence and were viewed by many. Services were conducted at the home at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. H. H. Harris, Ph.D., of the Calvary Baptist church, and Rev. J. C. Evans, of the Welsh Congregational church, and were very impressive. After the sermons and singing, the remains were conveyed to the Forest Home cemetery for interment. The floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. The Pyne Mine Accidental fund, of which the deceased was a member, attended in a body. The flowers and pall-bearers were members of the organization, as follows: Flower-bearers, John E. Owens, John Jones, Enoch Williams, Henry Evans; pall-bearers, Edmund Williams, William Griffiths, Samuel Phillips, Morris Davis, John D. Jones and Thomas Francis.

Extensive preparations are being made by the committee in charge of the grand concert and ball to be held at Weber's rink on January 1, under the auspices of the German Beneficial society. The following well-known talent will participate: Maennerchor, of Taylor; Maennerchor, of Scranton; Lutzpeli (Casper) Maennerchor, of Taylor; Drei Alte Tungfern Maennerchor; Scranton Pantomime Maennerchor; South Scranton Glee.

The Taylor basket ball team made its initial debut before the public on Friday evening at Fallon's rink, when they had as their opponents the Bellevue Stars. The contest was interesting. The local team was the superior, by a score of 2 to 0. For the home team, Gendall, Evans, Jordan and Tubbs did the best work, and for the opposing team Costello and Rieley excelled.

Christmas tree exercises will be held in nearly all the churches in town this evening. At the Calvary Baptist, Welsh Congregational, Methodist Episcopal and Presbyterian churches special musical and literary programmes will be rendered. At the Welsh Baptist church a beautiful cantata, entitled "A New Santa Claus," will be given by the Sunday school members, under the direction of Prof. John B. Francis. The chorus consists of about thirty voices. Admission, ten cents.

New patent hose nozzles have been received at the quarters of the Taylor Hose company, No. 1, and will be given a trial in the near future.

Special Christmas music was rendered at the services in the Calvary Baptist church last evening by the choir, under the direction of Prof. D. E. Jones, chorister. The pastor, Rev. Dr. Harris, delivered an appropriate sermon.

Presiding Elder Rev. Griffin, D. D., of the Wyoming conference, occupied the pulpit in the Methodist Episcopal church last evening and delivered a very forcible sermon.

As a result of the strike of the employes of the Scranton Railway company, which was declared yesterday, the steam roads did a thriving business in this section yesterday.

Final arrangements are completed for the musical festival to be held here tomorrow (Christmas day) at the Welsh Episcopal and literary programmes will be a success is more than assured, as a large entry of contestants have been received.

Masters Russell O'Horo, Bruce Ward and Harry Howells, students at Girard college, Philadelphia, are home to spend the Christmas holidays.

William Harlos, of Allegheny college, Pittsburg, Pa., is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Harlos, of Washington street.

Postoffice hours tomorrow (Christmas) will be from 9 to 11 a. m. Money order department will be closed all day.

Arthur Stone, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Stone, sr., of Main street.

William J. Hoskins, jr., called on relatives in Edwardsdale and Wilkes-Barre yesterday.

Emblem division, No. 57, Sons of Temperance, will meet in regular session this evening.

Miss Norma Sturges, of Lewistown university, is home spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sturges, of Old Forge.

Misses Edith, Annie and Gertrude Watkins, of this town, participated in the Christmas musical exercises at the First Presbyterian church, Scranton, yesterday.

Dr. Robert Mackenzie, of Pittsburg, is visiting his mother, Mrs. William Mackenzie, of Union street.

PECKVILLE.

Yesterday morning quite a crowd of street car patrons gathered at Ketchum's corner and patiently waited for the appearance of a Traction company car. After an hour or two it began to dawn upon those in waiting that no cars were coming and that a strike had been called. There was a scramble for the D. & H. station, and the railroad did a roaring business all day yesterday. Great inconvenience will be felt by those who patronize the Traction company road in going to and from their work.

Mr. Russell Hofferker, of St. Clair, is spending a few days in town. He is in an exhibition called "The Little World" is holding forth at the hose company hall this evening. A present will be given all who attend. Admission, ten cents.

Mr. Fremont Ferris spent yesterday at Minooka.

Mr. Charles Morrow, of Pittston, spent yesterday with his son, Mr. Charles Morrow, jr., of West Peckville.

Mr. Hayden Sanson, who is traveling for the Welsh Church Tower, Bible and Tract society, of Allegheny, Pa., is home to spend the holidays.

Mr. Stanley Newton, who has been engaged in carpenter work upon a coal breaker in West Virginia, for the last two months, returned home yesterday.

Mr. John Mitchell, who secured a position at Niagara Falls last summer, is at a hospital there, dangerously ill of typhoid fever. Mr. Mitchell has many friends here who wish him a speedy recovery.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Grover were at Wapwallopen Saturday, attending the eighth wedding anniversary of the doctor's parents.

There will be a rabbi for turkeys at the Harrison house this evening. The younger element are enjoying the skating on Peck's pond these days.

Mr. Clarence Williams is visiting relatives at Beach Lake, Wayne county.

Mrs. Mary Barnes has returned from Yates, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Andrew Hale.

Miss Grace Ayres, who is attending normal school at West Chester, Pa., has returned home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ayres, of Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Peck, of Carbondale, spent yesterday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peck.

Miss Ella Ketchum and Theodore A. White, were united in marriage at the

home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ketchum, of Depot street, at high noon Saturday. Rev. J. S. Thomas, pastor of the Peckville Baptist church, officiated. The bridal couple left on the 1:30 Delaware and Hudson train for Binghamton, N. Y. Upon their return they will reside at Scranton.

Mrs. Willis Krug, of New York, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peck, of Main street.

JESSUP.

Frank Rogan, a brakeman on the Sterick Creek locomotive, had his leg broken below the knee joint, while attending to his duties, Friday afternoon. The schools of this place closed Friday evening for the Christmas holidays and will open January 2, 1901.

If you want to spend a merry Christmas, go to the grand ball at St. James hall. It will be conducted under auspices of the St. James society, and that means a very enjoyable time.

The teachers of Wilton borough received their monthly salary at the High school, Friday evening.

Miss Cuskey, of Poyntelle, is visiting relatives in town.

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